

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, the Pre-Appeal Request for Review and Notice of Appeal electronically filed on June 30, 2006 and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated August 11, 2006. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-10, 13, and 14 were pending in this Application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-10, 13, and 14 were rejected. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Applicant respectfully submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal, along with a Petition for Extension of Time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the RCE fee of \$395.00 and the Extension of Time fee (5 months) of \$1,080.00, and any additional fees required to Deposit Account 50-2148, in order to effectuate these filings.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the amended claim.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2606.

Respectfully submitted,

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